



US House Wisconsin District 7

HOW TO USE THE AARP VOTERS' GUIDE:

AARP produced this guide to help you find out what candidates are saying about health and financial security in their own words.

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Social Security

How would you protect Social Security for today's seniors and strengthen it for future generations?

AARP's Position:

Social Security should continue to guarantee that Americans who work and pay into the system receive benefits based on what they earn and contribute. Benefits should keep up with inflation and last for as long as an individual lives. We must strengthen Social Security for the future and protect benefits for people who count on them most, including surviving spouses and families, lower-wage workers, and disabled individuals who no longer can work. Social Security must be put on stable financial ground, but any adjustments should be implemented gradually so changes do not impact those in or near retirement.

Sean P. Duffy (Rep):

The American people have entered into what I believe is a contract with their government for Social Security benefits. They have paid into the system for many years and deserve the benefits that they planned on as well paid for. To that end, I have not and will not endorse privatizing Social Security because I don't believe it is the solution to making Social Security solvent. (Source: Duffy for Congress Website; <http://goo.gl/lpDS61>)

Kelly Westlund (Dem):

Securing and expanding Social Security and Medicare. Westlund told reporters that she would stand up to the president on the issue of social security cuts. (Source: Wisconsin Public Radio, <http://ow.ly/xTv5G>)

Medicare

How would you put Medicare on stronger financial ground and protect today's seniors and future retirees from rising health costs?

AARP's Position:

Medicare should be strengthened and improved so both current and future generations can count on having access to high-quality, affordable coverage. Medicare should continue to guarantee a specific set of benefits that are affordable and meet a person's health care needs. Medicare should offer choices that ensure access to high-quality health care. Medicare should improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of care by emphasizing value and cracking down on fraud, waste, and abuse.

Sean P. Duffy (Rep):

Medicare is a promise that must be preserved and protected. But without action, Medicare will go bankrupt by 2020, according to the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office. This is unacceptable to Sean and why he proudly voted on legislation that preserves this solemn promise to our nation's seniors. Under the House-passed proposal, those seniors who have spent a lifetime paying toward Medicare will get the benefits they were promised. The plan also strengthens the Medicare for generations to come. (Source: Duffy for Congress; <http://ow.ly/dcIwT>)

Kelly Westlund (Dem):

People should have the option to buy into a public health insurance plan such as Medicare, and that we should be able to bargain for group prices of prescription drugs as both the Veterans Administration and Medicaid currently do. Expanding public health insurance and getting a fair price on prescription drugs is just common sense and it brings costs down for everyone. (Source: Blogging Blue, <http://ow.ly/xTvCo>)

Financial Security

How would you help Americans save so they can secure their future and live independently as they age?

AARP's Position:

More opportunities and incentives should be available for all Americans to plan and save so they can have a more secure future. Freedom from age discrimination is a fundamental right and critical to Americans' ability to have a secure retirement. Every worker should be treated fairly, regardless of age. We need to support family caregivers who make it possible for more seniors to live in their homes and communities, where they want, rather than taxpayers and struggling families paying for costlier care.

Sean P. Duffy (Rep):

The health care legislation passed this year cuts Medicare by a half a billion dollars in order to fund the expansion of entitlements. At the same time, Medicare already maintains a \$38 trillion unfunded liability; Medicaid which pays for long-term care has trillions more in unmet needs; and Social Security's surplus has evaporated. Unless we strengthen these programs, government will be forced to either raise payroll taxes by 30 percent, or cut benefits by nearly 25 percent. (Source: Duffy for Congress Website; <http://ow.ly/cvBFb>)

Kelly Westlund (Dem):

History and common sense tell us that the best way to restore economic growth is to provide some economic opportunity to those who don't already have it. Protecting earned benefits and increasing the minimum wage will put money into the pockets of people who will spend it, creating real economic stimulus that just doesn't happen when rich people get more tax cuts. (Source: Westlund for Congress, <http://ow.ly/xTvZ5>)



After years of working hard and paying into the system, AARP believes you've earned the right to know where the candidates stand on the issues that matter to you and your family. This Voters' Guide will help you find out where the candidates stand on health and financial security in their own words, so you can decide which candidate best reflects your views and values.

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